

MINUTES

Delaware Stadium Corporation Board of Directors Meeting May 30, 2019

Board Members in Attendance

Tom McGonigle, Chairman
Sen. Elizabeth Lockman
Steven C. Taylor
Michael Morton
Kevin Kelley
John Casey
Bill Winters
Mike Hare
Doug Denison

Staff

Joseph J. McDonald, Executive Director
Kevin A. Guerke, Counsel

Guests

Andrew Layman, Wilmington Blue Rocks

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chairman McGonigle called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Oct. 29, 2018)

Chairman McGonigle presented minutes from the previous meeting for consideration. Mr. Casey moved to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Kelley and unanimously carried.

Chairman McGonigle presented executive session minutes from the previous meeting for consideration. Mr. Kelley moved to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Casey and unanimously carried.

III. Blue Rocks Report

Mr. Layman reported that updates to the facility have been well received, especially the new air conditioning units in the boxes.

Mr. Layman also reported that parking continues to be an issue, precipitated by the ongoing construction and repeated scheduling conflicts with neighboring facilities. Discussion ensued.

IV. Executive Director Report

Mr. McDonald reported that he opened two new accounts with Wells Fargo and closed out a TD Bank account with a less favorable interest rate.

Mr. McDonald highlighted the high school playoff games taking place at the stadium, also noting that demand for field time is waning as more area schools build suitable facilities of their own.

Mr. McDonald also reported that there will be no Taco Fest held this year, but the HBCU Battle of the Bands event will return in September and a new Hispanic Festival has been added.

Mr. McDonald also reported that parking revenue estimates will likely be revised down, due in part to a reduction in spaces reserved by Barclays. He also discussed parking needs for the hotel under construction and the need to meet with the developers soon to outline all expectations for coordination and communication among the DSC, the Blue Rocks and other parties with regard to scheduling. Additional discussion ensued, which included Mr. Taylor questioning whether the DSC could be in violation of its lease with the Blue Rocks when other events are scheduled to be use the Blue Rocks parking during Blue Rocks home games. Mr. Taylor said it is his understanding that the Blue Rocks have exclusive use of the stadium parking lots three hours before game time. Mr. Taylor requested to have DSC counsel advise the board as to whether the DSC would be in violation of its lease agreement should other events be scheduled to use the parking lots on game days.

V. DelDOT Report

Mr. McDonald provided a timeline of meetings and cooperation with DelDOT in recent years, stating that the project remains on target for completion in Spring of 2020.

VI. Insurance

Chairman McGonigle reported that the DSC will proceed with procuring additional insurance coverage and passing the cost of said coverage on to the Blue Rocks, as approved at the previous meeting. He further stated that the Blue Rocks have signed a new management agreement for this purpose. He explained that, while the recent slip-and-fall suit was settled favorably, the case pointed out the need for additional coverage.

VII. Capital Budget Request

Chairman McGonigle presented a letter for transmission to the legislative Joint Committee on Capital Improvement that included new estimates for various planned improvements to the stadium. Discussion ensued.

VIII. Executive Session

At approximately 5:49 p.m., Mr. Hare moved to convene an executive session pursuant to 29 Del. Code § 10004, seconded by Mr. Morton. Chairman McGonigle explained the need for executive session was to discuss negotiations involving the Blue Rocks and negotiation of prospective consultancy contracts. The motion unanimously carried.

Open session resumed at approximately 5:54 p.m.

IX. New Business

Mr. Taylor presented the board with the opportunity to support the annual Special Olympics of Delaware Summer Camp Golf Classic. Discussion ensued. Mr. Taylor moved to contribute \$1,700 to the event, seconded by Mr. Hare and unanimously carried.

X. Adjournment

Sen. Lockman moved to adjourn at 5:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Morton and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Denison